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QUEENS DISTRICT ATTORNEY MELINDA KATZ ANNOUNCES
GRANTS AWARDED TO 28 RECIPIENTS FOR THE
QUEENS COMMUNITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz today announced grant funding to 28 community-based organizations for the implementation of her Office's Community Youth Development and Crime Prevention Project (CYDCPP). The District Attorney's initiative aims to provide youth activities and wrap around services to help prevent crime and keep young people out of the criminal justice system.

District Attorney Katz said, "Providing meaningful opportunities for our youth is a keen investment in public safety and the future of Queens County. We have to do all we can to make sure that our kids are equipped to make good choices and empowered to steer clear of gangs, guns and crime. My Office is committed to working with the community to develop mentorship, recreational, academic and career development activities in our Borough. The Queens Community Youth Development and Crime Prevention Program will help empower our youth while increasing public safety."

The request for proposals (RFP) was announced by DA Katz in June 2021. The goals of the Program are to facilitate a collaborative and community-driven approach that will foster positive relationships between the community and law enforcement, reduce youth crime, improve self-confidence among young people, increase exposure to positive adult role models, as well as improve academic performance and school attendance.

The recipients selected for the Program have already established proven strategies with youth development program models and will utilize the funding to develop effective services for Queens-based youth and their families.

The 28 recipients who will receive funding are:

- **Queens Public Library**
 - *Service area: Far Rockaway*
- **Queens Community House**
 - *Service area: Pomonok Houses*
- **The Child Center of New York**
 - *Service areas: Elmhurst and South Ozone Park*
- **Variety Boys and Girls Club**
 - *Service area: Astoria*
- **Queens Defenders**
 - *Service area: Far Rockaway*

- **Jamaica Y- YMCA of Greater NY**
 - *Service area: Jamaica*
- **Greater Ridgewood Youth Council**
 - *Service area: 104th Precinct*
- **Sunnyside Community Services**
 - *Service area: Woodside*
- **Queens Center for Court Innovation- Queens Community Justice Center**
 - *Service areas: Jamaica, Cambria Heights, Rosedale, Hollis, Springfield Gardens, Ozone Park*
- **Catholic Charities**
 - *Service area: 101st Precinct*
- **Community Mediation Services**
 - *Service areas: Jamaica and Far Rockaway*
- **Queens Center for Court Innovation- The Rockaways**
 - *Service areas: 100th and 101st Precincts*
- **Martin de Porres Youth & Family Services**
 - *Service areas: 103rd, 105th & 113th Precincts*
- **Garden of Hope**
 - *Service area: Flushing*
- **Korean American Family Service Center**
 - *Service area: Flushing*
- **The Fresh Air Fund**
 - *Service areas: Jackson Heights and Corona*
- **SAYA**
 - *Service area: South Ozone Park*
- **Rosedale Jets Football Association**
 - *Service areas: Rosedale, Laurelton, Springfield Gardens, Cambria Heights, Jamaica*
- **4Ward Inclusion Consulting**
 - *Service areas: 103rd, 105th & 113th Precincts*
- **Rabenstein Learning Center**
 - *Service area: Far Rockaway*
- **Global Kids**
 - *Service area: 106th Precinct*
- **Urban Upbound**
 - *Service areas: Queensbridge, Astoria, Ravenswood and Woodside Houses*
- **Share 4 Life**
 - *Service areas: Astoria and Ravenswood Houses*
- **Greater Springfield Community Church**
 - *Service area: 11433 Zip Code*
- **Rochdale Village Social Services**
 - *Service area: Rochdale*
- **Community Center of the Rockaway Peninsula**
 - *Service area: Far Rockaway*

The Project will operate under the general guidance of the Youth Empowerment Unit within the Community Partnerships Division at the Queens District Attorney's Office. The total funding for the Program is anticipated to total \$2,750,000 over two years.

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